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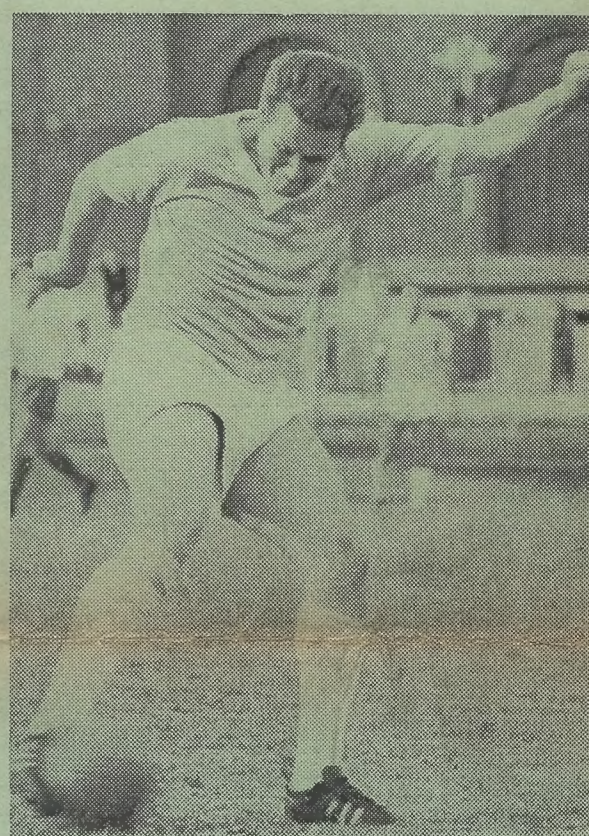
SYDNEY CAN EXPECT EXCITING NEW SEASON



John Watkiss (APIA)



John Warren (St. George)



Herbert Ninaus (Hakoah)

The 1967 NSW premiership starts this weekend with more than the customary excitement.

Despite the mediocre success of the Ampol Cup where crowds were down again — many observers feel that the premiership will create bigger interest than last year.

There are four good reasons why it should:

- The First Division has been increased to 12 teams, adding a fair amount of new color to the scene.

- A new rule stipulates that each team must field three or more Australians — a move certain to produce new faces and new talents.

- A replacement rule will reduce the hazard of teams fighting with depleted sides and making matches one-sided contests.

- The visits of Scotland and Manchester United will spur on players to gain representative honors in the NSW and Australian teams.

The premiership itself may be a much more closely fought affair than last year.

APIA, Hakoah and St. George-Budapest are likely to be at the top again.

It is possible that APIA's very clear-cut domination of local soccer may have ended.

Early indications are that APIA, despite having the same team as last term, have lost some of their unity, power and rhythm which made them so formidable in 1966.

Hakoah are set and poised to fill the vacuum should APIA fail.

With Australia's most brilliant defence, all they have to do is find a reasonable forward line to become Sydney's new kingpins.

St. George-Budapest, with a basically young team, should again do very well and stay the distance with their rivals.

If both APIA and Hakoah fail to reproduce their 1966 form, St. George could even climb to the very top.

Of the others, Croatia, Pan Hellenic and South Coast appear to be best equipped for a successful semifinal challenge.

Readers score well in Contest

A pleasingly high 55 per cent. of our readers, taking part in our Contest, predicted a Hakoah v. St. George-Budapest Ampol Cup final.

Of these 34 per cent. expected St. George and 21 per cent. Hakoah to win.

A St. George-Budapest v. APIA final received 29 per cent. of the votes with slightly less than half favoring APIA.

Pan Hellenic were correctly regarded as field outsiders.

Only 3.4 per cent. thought they might win the Cup and only 10 per cent. thought they might at least reach the final.

St. George were the popular choice for a final berth: 90 per cent. considered they would reach it while 65 per cent. expected Hakoah to get there.

Section 2 of our "Readers' Contest" appears in our newspaper as from today.

In this you are asked to name the top four teams at the end of the various State premierships.

This coupon will appear three more times and the closing date is April 15.

Below we set out the starting and finishing dates of the premierships which we have included in our coupon.

Premiership	Starts	Ends
NSW	March 25	Aug. 27
Qld.	Apr. 1	Aug. 20
Victoria	March 25	Sept. 3
Sth. Aust.	Apr. 15	Aug. 26
West. Aust.	Apr. 1	Aug. 12

On page 8, as a further aid, we publish the final 1966 tables from these States.

These will help you make your "first four" selections.

These and many more useful facts about interstate soccer can also be found in the "Soccer World Annual 1967", on sale now.

- The results of Section 1 in our "Readers' Contest" as well as the first progress counting of votes in the "Players' Contest" will be published next week.

STOP PRESS

The St. George-Budapest v. Hakoah competition match this Easter holiday weekend has been switched from Sunday to Monday afternoon, also at Marks Field.

"Soccer World" tips for '67

1. P. Dean APIA	1. L. Gautier APIA	1. M. Nagy St. George	1. K. Gilmour St. George	1. A. Speers Hakoah	1. C. Spiteri St. George
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4. Croatia	4. Pan Hellenic	4. Pan Hellenic	4. Croatia	4. Yugal	4. Croatia
5. Pan Hellenic	5. Croatia	5. Croatia	5. SCU	5. SCU	5. SCU
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7. Prague	7. SCU	7. Melita Eagles	7. Pan Hellenic	7. Croatia	7. Yugal
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First prize in the PLAYERS CONTEST will be two economy class return air tickets to Singapore by ALITALIA AIRLINES. The player receiving the largest number of votes in each State throughout the period of the Contest will enter the Finals. At the end of the Contest a draw will be made to determine the eventual winner who may not be the player receiving the largest absolute number of votes.

Each week SOCCER WORLD and LA FIAMMA will publish progress scores in the voting.

First prize in the READERS CONTEST will be one economy class return air ticket to Italy by ALITALIA AIRLINES.

The winner of this section will be the reader who accumulates the highest number of points throughout the various stages of the Contest.

For each section — the second appearing today — various points will be awarded. These, after the completion of each section, will be added up and tabulated, thus each reader's score will be carefully checked and kept. Progress standings will be periodically published in both SOCCER WORLD and LA FIAMMA.

★ Closing date for Section No. 2: ("first four" in various States) Saturday, April 15, 3 p.m.

SAINTS REPEAT CUP WIN AFTER SEVEN-YEAR ITCH

The 1967 Ampol Cup, without a doubt, went to the fittest, most skilful team of the pre-season.

St. George-Budapest possessed these attributes all through the series and as their impressive unbeaten record suggests they were worthy, thoroughly predictable winners. Hakoah, for the third time, had to be content with second place.

Last Friday:

APIA lose Cup

St. George-Budapest and Hakoah had fairly smooth passages into the Ampol Cup final, winning their semis more easily than the scores indicate.

St. George v.

Pan Hellenic 3-1

Atrocious forward play cost Pan Hellenic any chance of reaching their first ever Ampol Cup final.

Despite the tragic goalkeeping errors of young, inexperienced Tony Maglis that cost them two goals, Pan Hellenic's forwards must shoulder just as much blame for failing once again.

Pan Hellenic in the first 20 minutes had enough chances to sew the game up.

They started off at a fast and furious pace as though they would sweep the Saints off their feet, but all their efforts led to nowhere as all their moves fell down in front of goal.

A tremendous gem of a goal by Warren in the 20th minute when he slammed the ball home on the run from 20 yards changed the entire pattern of the game, and although Pan Hellenic's hopes were raised shortly when Karyannis equalised, Saints were in control until fulltime.

There was no further addition to the score in the second half when St. George were content to hold on to their lead.

Most of the play took place in the midfield and neither goalie saw much of the ball.

Pan Hellenic missed a great chance to get back into the match when Karyannis kicked a penalty right into Sokoloff's arms.

Had he scored, the last 10 minutes would have been a real humdinger, but this wasted chance further depressed the colorless, erratic Pan Hellenic who were unable to make the slightest impression on the depleted St. George-Budapest who played with 10 men after Warren twisted his ankle 14 minutes from the end.

Pan Hellenic: Maglis (Thomson); Johnston, Omeros (Petro); Sanchez, Cole, McCulloch; Logan, Smith, Westwater, Karyannis, Blitz.

St. George-Budapest: Sokoloff; Stegbauer, Hillary; Schaefer, Morgan, De Bruin; McColgan, Isaac, Warren (injured), Cliss, Hillhouse.

Scorers: Warren 20 and 35 mins., Cliss 31 min. for St.

George; Karyannis 30 min. for Pan Hellenic.

Referee: H. Parsons.

— Lou Gautier

Hakoah v.

APIA 1-0

Most spectators felt before the match that a solitary goal should be enough to win this semifinal tie.

And most, correctly, expected that goal from Hakoah.

In fact, it's unlikely that Sydney had another match for years where the final score was so predictable.

Hakoah, fielding a Sydney version of a "catenaccio" defence, were eager to score just once, knowing that it would see them through.

And when Walsh, that minigiant, headed in his goal after 26 minutes, most of us knew that it would be the final score.

Hakoah periodically produced some good football, especially after the interval though its forwards, Fekete excepted, were on the dull side.

But in front of their "bet-on" defence they had two excellent midfield links, Duffy and Walsh, who secured them a fair share of the ball and set the pattern of the game.

APIA, without Campana and Giacometti, were a reshuffled and inefficient side, though still full of enthusiasm and determination.

However, during the 70 minutes not once did they have a real scoring chance. Even at the end when they were pressing hard they didn't get close to Fuzes' goal.

In Hakoah the entire defence was once again magnificent; in front the confident, clever and very fast Fekete was more than a handful for Ackerley.

Hakoah: Fuzes; Edwards, Hillsdon; Walsh, Marnoch, Duffy; Fekete, Harding, Laraman (Hood), Ninaus, Holden.

APIA: Rorke; Nuttall, Ackerley; Muir, Van Blerk, Bottalico; Jurisic, Hughes, Watkiss, Blue, Kerklaan.

Scorer: Walsh 26 min.

Referee: N. Jones.

Crowd: 6,287 (double-header).

— Paul Dean

Last Sunday:

Saints win halo

St. George-Budapest won the Ampol Cup more with a very fit and steady performance than sheer brilliance.

In doing this they won seven matches — all except one rather comfortably — and downed arch rivals like APIA, Pan Hellenic and Hakoah.

The final itself was more of a fast, exciting tussle than a display of great football.

The match for third place, on the other hand, was 70 minutes of uninterrupted boredom.

St. George v.

Hakoah 2-0

(Cup final)

The Saints fully deserved their Cup win as they were by far the most consistent team in the field: they won all their seven matches and scored 24 goals in the process — more than Hakoah and APIA, the second and third placegetters, together.

In the final St. George never really looked in danger of losing and the question was, mainly, whether they could pierce the Hakoah defence to win.



GERRY HOOD (Hakoah)

After an even first half St. George gradually gained the upper hand, particularly when Hakoah's playmaker, Holden, began to run out of steam.

Until then this wonderful ex-England star dominated the midfield, busily grafting and prompting his rather ineffective colleagues.

Warren's goal, however, broke the spell.

It was the result of a marvellous, modern counter-attack involving Stegbauer, McColgan and Hillhouse before Warren volleyed the ball home from close range.

When St. George scored their second — McColgan, from a rebound after a powerful drive by Warren — Hakoah at once gave up the chase.

The last few minutes St. George showed surprising maturity in holding the ball, slowing the game to a walk and simply waiting for the final whistle which, after seven years, gave them yet another triumph in the Ampol Cup.

St. George-Budapest had several stars: Sokoloff, Hillary, Cliss and Warren, above all, though Morgan, Schaefer and Isaac also played well.

In the depleted Hakoah Marnoch, Walsh and Holden were the main driving forces.

St. George-Budapest: Sokoloff; Stegbauer, Hillary; Schaefer, Morgan, De Bruin; McColgan, Isaac, Warren, Cliss, Hillhouse.

Hakoah: Fuzes; Edwards,

Hillsdon; Walsh, Marnoch, Biciw; Jones, Harding, Laraman (Hood), Ninaus, Holden. **Scorers:** Warren 58 min., McColgan 64 min. for St. George.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

Crowd: 7,000 (double-header).

— Paul Dean

APIA v.

Pan Hellenic 2-1

(for 3rd place)

It's highly doubtful whether either APIA or Pan Hellenic will look back with any pleasure or satisfaction on this dreary, apathetic clash.

APIA, on their part, must still be concerned at the lack of flair and sharpness in their forward line — even if, in the end, they annexed third prizemoney.

Pan Hellenic still must be trying to discover how, after looking certain winners 10 minutes from the end, they conceded two quick goals.

APIA, at times appearing only to be going through the motions, were ineffectual once inside the Pan Hellenic penalty area.

Even so they had enough control in midfield to make it seem almost inevitable that they would eventually crack the resolute defence of their opponents.

But, as so often happens, it was Pan Hellenic who scored first, thanks to the persistence of Logan, and a mix-up in the APIA defence.

Logan's goal aroused some enthusiasm in Pan Hellenic, and they comfortably held their opponents until Sanchez finally exhausted the patience of referee Henkelman, and got his marching orders.

Then Kerklaan, shrugging off some half-hearted tackles by Pan Hellenic's defenders, scored at the second attempt, after his first shot was palmed out by Thomson.

Three minutes later, he chased a ball to the goal line, before crossing to Watkiss who volleyed it home from close range.

APIA: Rorke; Nuttall, Ackerley; Muir, Van Blerk, Bottalico; Campbell, Hughes, Watkiss, Blue, Kerklaan.

Pan Hellenic: Thomson; Johnson, Hanson; Sanchez, Cole, McCulloch; Demos (Pullinger), Logan, Westwater, Karyannis, Blitz.

Scorers: Kerklaan 63 min. and Watkiss 66 min., for APIA; Logan 36 min. for Pan Hellenic.

Referee: J. Henkelman.

— Alan Speers

AMPOL ROUND-UP

A total of 55,300 spectators watched this year's 17 Ampol Cup double-headers.

In 1966, 54,500 spectators watched the series which included 12 double-headers (10 teams instead of 12).

Average per double-header this year was 3,252 spectators whereas last season the average was 4,540 spectators.

Leading scorers of the series were:

J. Warren (St. George) 11; S. Bobic (Yugal), J. Watkiss (APIA) 5; J. Giacometti (APIA), I. Hillhouse (St. George), D. Cliss (St. George), G. Barnett (SCU), J. Karyannis (Pan Hellenic), R. Kravtch (Polonia) 4; M. Rinos (Canterbury), B. Tyrrell (Croatia), W. Allan (Cumberland), I. Takac (Yugal) 3.

Back from Vietnam

John Holland, our Canberra correspondent, ends his one-year assignment with the Australian Army in South Vietnam this week.

While in Vietnam, he took an active interest in local soccer and also did a grand job in propagating the game among his army colleagues.

John wishes to thank several people in Australia who corresponded with him and sent him soccer news and magazines, especially Mr. and Mrs. Kavalenti of Athol Park, South Australia.

All these magazines, including SOCCER WORLD, were distributed to the boys of the Australian Task Force in Vietnam and were greatly appreciated.

PREMIERSHIP STARTS

MANY CLOSE TIES IN FIRST ROUND

— By PAUL DEAN —

The Sydney premierships are off to a promising start this week and the only unfortunate thing is the uneven distribution of games — one on Saturday, five on Sunday.

The highlight of the first round could be the repeat clash between St. George and Hakoah, Sydney's two form teams of the moment.

All the other ties also appear very close affairs with perhaps only APIA looking likely winners.

Yugal v.

Polonia

This could well be soccer at its slowest despite having speedster Alagich on the field.

Both Yugal and Polonia play a rather unhurried and fairly skilled type of game with a lot of side and back passes and few dashes.

Yugal's recent form must worry their fans; their defence is shaky, their forward line is almost impotent.

Their hopes must lie in the Alagich-Takac wing to grab whatever chances come their way and hope that their rear-guard will not crumble.

Polonia have the more experienced players and in Gawlik, Komoder, Dzialach and Krawiarz, above average talent.

However, their forward line also suffers of acute goal aversion, and so we expect a low-scoring draw.

Watch for: Polonia's young Len Root, a most promising goalie.

South Coast v.

Prague

The young Prague team, despite all their early promise, will have an extremely tough battle on their hands at Woonona.

If they had slightly more maturity, one could even give them a chance.

But with only Scheinflug playing the mother hen among his young chicks, the team is definitely on the green side.

South Coast, while also relying on youth to a large extent, have retained sufficient experience — Ringland, Barnes, Salisbury, Barnett — to overcome all First Division jitters.

Tolson's return from England will make a sizeable difference to them — he is now among the most exciting young players in Australia.

Together with the hard-hitting and opportunist Bar-

nett they should scrape up the goals necessary for a win in a match that will not be a goal orgy.

Watch for: Prague's Martin Lissing gradually developing into a steady forward.

Pan Hellenic v.

Croatia

The two chief enigmas of Sydney soccer will clash here — enigmas because despite vast sums and great efforts lavished on their teams, they achieve scant results.

With Pan Hellenic the chief trouble seems to be style; almost regardless of their playing staff, the team cultivates a seemingly senseless, rushing game.

On those rare occasions when all their players happen to run just at the right time, in the right direction, they are irresistible.

At other times miles of enthusiastic running at top speed still ends in their defeat.

Croatia, believe it or not, still haven't found their team despite all the signings of the past.

But at least they appear to have the necessary ingredients for a good side provided the final mixture is a lucky one.

The score could be very close in this match with the odds slightly in Croatia's favor.

Watch for: The exciting Cush brothers.

Melita Eagles v.

Cumberland

For newcomers Melita their battle could already be a vital one.

Any points gained here may count heavily towards the end if both they and their opponents are near the bottom of the table.

Although they came within inches of grabbing a Cup semifinal berth, Melita will take more time to settle down.

Their main problem will be their forward line which so far has shown more enthusiasm than talent.

Cumberland, after a disastrous start, have picked themselves up from the floor and are now probably ready to give battle to anybody.

They are, on paper at least, a more solid combination than Melita and have, in Keddie, Keenan and Goldie, three matchwinners.

Playing in their home as "guests" will further aid them and should net them both competition points.

Watch for: Young Melita goalie Eaton giving another solid display.

Canterbury v.

APIA

Arlington Oval will have a splendid re-entry to First Division soccer with the visit of APIA.

The totally rebuilt and largely young Canterbury could develop into one of the most exciting teams in the competition — in time.

APIA's form so far this year has been most disappointing.

Such key players as Rorke, Hughes, Blue and Watkiss are badly out of touch and as a result, the usually powerful and smooth APIA machine is having serious shortcomings.

Campana, suspended, will also be absent and this will further reduce APIA's efficiency.

Still, they should take this initial hurdle, despite a predictably enthusiastic resistance from their hosts.

Watch for: Graham Clarke in Canterbury in his tough competition debut.

St. George v.

Hakoah

No doubt, Hakoah are itching to obtain sweet revenge on their Cup final victors and if they have a full team, they may even get it.

Without Fekete and especially the steady, intelligent Duffy, Hakoah aren't quite the same team.

However, even with those two they have very obvious forward problems which may plague them through the season.

St. George, after an amazing string of seven straight wins in the Cup, could start the premierships on a high note although it's a well known fact that Cup-winners often suffer a let-down.

They certainly have the team to avoid a let-down and, on form at least, should repeat their victory.

Any team that can score twice to that great Hakoah defence is entitled to a lot of respect — and slight favoritism.

Watch for: McColgan in St. George assuming the mantle of departed Yardley as the dam-buster.

FIRST DIVISION

REFEREES

Polonia v. Yugal — K. Lockrey; Canterbury v. APIA — M. Buchanan; S. George v. Hakoah — N. Jones; Melita Eagles v. Cumberland — H. Eilerts; SCU v. Prague — F. Woolman; Pan Hellenic v. Croatia — J. Scarborough.

PROUD SKIPPER



A radiant St. George-Budapest skipper John Warren triumphantly raises the Ampol Cup after last Sunday's 2-0 final victory over Hakoah.

SYDNEY PROGRAM

THIS WEEKEND

SYDNEY PREMIERSHIP ROUND 1

SATURDAY, MARCH 25

Yugal v. Polonia-NS — Marks Field.

Marconi v. Bankstown — Marconi Oval.

Blacktown v. Hornsby-NE — Francis Park.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

Canterbury v. APIA — Arlington Oval.

Melita Eagles v. Cumberland — Mona Park.

South Coast v. Prague — Woonona Oval.

Pan Hellenic v. Croatia — Wentworth Park.

St. George-Budapest v. Hakoah — Marks Field.

Balgownie v. Western Suburbs — Balgownie Oval.

Sutherland v. Lane Cove — Seymour Shaw Park.

North Bankstown v. Corinthians — George Green Oval.

Granville v. Manly — Macarthur Park.

NEXT WEEKEND

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

Croatia v. South Coast — Erskineville Oval.

APIA v. Yugal — Lambert Park.

Bankstown v. Sutherland — Bankstown Oval.

Manly v. Marconi — Graham Reserve, Dee Why.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

Polonia v. St. George — North Sydney Oval.

Prague v. Canterbury — Marks Field.

Cumberland v. Pan Hellenic — Mona Park.

Hakoah v. Melita Eagles — Wentworth Park.

Lane Cove v. Western Suburbs — Pottery Green.

Corinthians v. Granville — Jubilee Oval.

Hornsby-NE v. Nth. Bankstown — Pennant Hills Oval.

Balgownie v. Blacktown — Balgownie Oval.

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MATCHES

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Yugal v. Polonia	X	1	1	1	1	1	1
Canterbury v. APIA	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
SCU v. Prague	1	1	X	1	1	X	1
Pan Hellenic v. Croatia	2	X	1	2	X	X	X
Melita v. Cumberland	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
St. George v. Hakoah	X	2	1	1	X	X	X
Marconi v. Bankstown	2	2	2	2	2	X	2
Blacktown v. Hornsby	2	2	X	1	X	2	2
Sutherland v. Lane Cove	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Granville v. Manly	X	1	1	2	1	1	1
Nth. B'town v. Corinth.	2	2	1	2	2	X	2
Balgownie v. West. Subs.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1



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NEW SEASON'S HOPES

"It's the first ten years that's difficult," people sometimes crack about job or marriage. Unhappily, this doesn't apply to soccer. This weekend the eleventh premiership under the NSW Soccer Federation will kick off and it promises to be anything but easy. Soccer's problems are manifold, its teething troubles still in evidence.

Optimistic note

Yet seldom in the past has a new season started on a more optimistic note. Somehow there is new hope in the air with the general feeling that soccer in this State is once again on the upswing.

What is this hope based on? First of all, on the most pleasing emergence of a sizeable crop of young Australian players in most, if not all clubs. After years of frustration, if not anguish, large numbers of talented local boys are getting their chance to prove their worth — and are proving it with resounding success.

"Local content"

More and more clubs are turning their attention to the local product with the result that new faces appear in their teams. Four years ago the "local content" in our First Division was below 20 per cent; today the average is over 40 per cent. and still rising.

Due to this there are many indications that soccer's image as a "migrant pastime" is fast fading away. Gradually the game is becoming the

prized possession of our entire community, be they native born or newcomers. And this is how it should be: just as in most fields of Australian life, neither can really exist without the other.

That our "image" is changing is also happily reflected by the fact that the various media of mass communication are showing a renewed interest in our game. Most daily newspapers are devoting more space to soccer than even a year ago, quickly recognising the fact that the game is undergoing a drastic and healthy transformation. Thanks to our improved relations with television, TV stations are geared to accommodate a much greater volume of soccer news and features than in recent years. The same of course applies to radio.

Supporters wanted

What remains now is to attract YOU, the people of Sydney and its suburbs to our matches. Old and New Australians, men, women and children of all ages are wanted as supporters. We are convinced that in soccer we can provide a sport to capture and fascinate you, whether you ever followed the game before or not.

Now we would like YOU to be also convinced. Give us a chance to prove this to you. Help us make the 1967 Sydney premiership season not just a successful one, but one that will be gratifying to all segments of our soccer community, from players through clubs to spectators.

COOK'S TOUR OF MELBOURNE

These may have big say in League race

It's possible that the State League champion will come from any of these five teams: Slavia, Croatia, Hellas, Hakoah or George Cross.

Today we put two under the microscope — next time we'll deal with Hakoah and George Cross.

Slavia: Stronger

Slavia look well set for the 1967 league season although they are almost certain to lose the services of Australian international fullback Nigel Shepherd in the very near future.

The Port side have compensated themselves with the acquisition of Willem Schroif the former Slovan Bratislava goalie.

Two other newcomers, left winger Graham Rainey from East Fife and Rowland Prior, a Scottish junior full back could also make the first team.

Otherwise the Port Melbourne side will be unchanged from last season except that goalie John Young who last season vied with Ray Barotajs in the first team has been transferred to Croatia for some time now.

The rest of the Slavia first team squad is:

● David High, an Englishman who played with Reading; fullback.

● Tom Randles, also from England where he

played with Stoke City; wing half.

● Bill Cook, former Kilmarnock first team player and Australian international; centre half.

● Sandy Jones, Albion Rovers and Ayr United; wing half or centre.

● Jock Goodwin, Motherwell; wing half.

● Ray Lockton, Notts Forest; winger.

● Mike Jurecki, Polonia; inside.

● Ian Reid, product of Hurlford Juniors in Ayrshire; centre forward.

● Charlie McCorquodale, Dumbarton and Montrose; inside or wing.

● Bill Savage, Scottish juniors; inside or wing.

● Grant McGregor, a provisional signing once with Celtic; half or inside.

● Ray Barotajs, Estonian-born and 12 years with Slavia; goalkeeper.

Two players on Slavia's books up for transfer are: David Short the former Lincoln City winger and one of their best players in 1965 and Mike Hall who played with Lowestoft and made a considerable number of first team appearances in 1966.

Croatia: Prepared

One of the best prepared sides for the 1967 league season must surely be Croatia.

Fielding a first class side up to their exit in the semifinal against Melbourne, a galaxy of good players including the following have been sitting it out on the trainer's bench: Mike Kovacek, Mario Nemaric, Tomislav Friganovic, Hugh Gunn, Jim Vojtek, David Breslin, Roy Kemp.

On top of this list of first team reserves is former APIA player Bobby McLachlan, still out of action recovering from his second broken leg in eight months while only two weeks ago — left winger Joe Keenan was transferred for a tidy fee to Cumberland.

Croatia are undoubtedly a team to watch. And with such a galaxy of good class reserves State coach, Jim Adam is certainly well prepared.

This is the likely team and the players' background:

● John Young, Stirling Albion and Slavia; goalie.

● Duncan McKay, Glasgow Celtic and Scotland; right back.

● Franz Bot, long serving player from Austria; left back.

● Horst Rau, six seasons with club — from Germany; right half.

● Tibby Becsi, Melbourne-Hungaria; centre half.

● Jim McKay, Airdrie; left half.

● Brian Adlam, Gloucester City; right winger.

● Billy McArthur, Glasgow Juniors; inside forward.

● Billy McIntyre, Aberdeen; centre forward.

● Billy Vojtek, only Croatian in first team of late; inside left.

● Hammy McMeachan, Carlisle and Exeter City; left winger.

Hellas: Same

Unless several new players can be produced from Greece, the South Melbourne Hellas XI is not expected to differ much from last season.

With an expected playing pool of about 14 players the only major changes from last season are:

NEW PLAYERS:

● Heinz Wenzl, bought from JUST and a former Hakoah (Sydney) and NSW representative; goalie.

● David Kelly, a late buy in 1966 from Slavia; fullback.

● Elyssess Kokinos, promoted from the juniors to the first team for the Cup; centre forward.

● Con Hagecostas, arrived late in 1966 from Greece; inside forward.

Of the others, seven are Greeks: Laki Litopolous, fullback, Jim Mantrakes, Andrew Roussis, centre half, John Margarities, wing half, Jim Pygrolis, winger, Boulas Kamboropoulos, inside, Leo Damanikos, winger.

The remainder comprise of: John Anderson, wing half or inside and player-coach, a Scot, Ernie Ackersley, inside forward, Scot, John Bedford, wing half, Australian.

SA SEMIS

A crowd of 6,000 at Hindmarsh Stadium last Monday night saw Juventus and Polonia qualify for the SA Ampol Cup final.

Juventus thrashed Victoria 5-1 and Polonia just scraped home 2-1 against Enfield City.

Three-day feast

It's an Easter opening for Melbourne's State League with two games on Saturday, two on Sunday and two on Monday.

Pride of place goes to the Juventus v. Hellas game which is certain to attract the biggest crowd of the round.

Juventus are on the "up and up" and they may catch a Hellas, not yet fully in gear on the hop and win.

The Slavia v. Croatia clash is only second to the Juventus v. Hellas match by virtue of the lesser crowd they will attract.

Both sides have an abundance of talent and are capable of producing a superior brand of soccer. Unless Croatia can tighten their defence, the odds are on a win for the Port Melbourne side.

Another pairing which should be a crowd pleaser is that of Footscray-JUST v. Melbourne.

Defence-wise JUST could be as good as any.

Melbourne with a strictly limited number of first team players at their disposal were the shock side of the Ampol Cup. But in league business they could find it harder and it won't surprise me if they are held to a draw here.

Hakoah clash with the promoted Makedonia and should justify the high league placing they earned last season with a comfortable win.

Alexander with the nucleus of a good side, are facing Polonia who at the moment are not a completely settled formation.

Alexander may repeat the early successes of the last two years and emerge with two valuable points.

The "new look" George Cross with several good newcomers in their ranks should give their fans a fillip after the lean season of 1966.

Lions, too, have several newcomers but they lack the overall class needed to snatch even a draw against George Cross.

JUVENTUS CUP TIP

— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

Adelaide Juventus will be out to avenge last year's Ampol Cup final loss to Polonia when the same teams meet in the 1967 final at Hindmarsh on Monday night.

Polonia downed Juventus 1-0 in last year's final but Juventus did not have key scorers Manuel Cruz, Steve Herczeg and Tommy McColl.

Juventus are undoubtedly a much more powerful side now and unquestionably a much happier group than they were 12 months ago.

Fulvio Pagani who succeeded Mario Corti, as coach, believes that his contented team will deliver the goods.

Polonia have not increased their playing strength but their youngsters have matured sufficiently to pose an even greater threat to Juventus.

Juventus have rarely got together effectively this season, their defeat of Melbourne Hakoah being a notable exception.

Only a classic team effort will suffice to blanket Polonia's exuberance and speed.

My tongue-in-cheek selection is Juventus because of their big-match adaptability and their ability to unleash the unexpected even under extreme pressure.

Melita in Melbourne

Melita Eagles beat George Cross 1-0 in Melbourne last Saturday night (goal by Azzopardi).

A jaded Melita side was well beaten 0-3, by Melbourne Juventus the following day, also at Olympic Park.

The two matches did not produce great football and were only attended by a total of 3,000 fans.

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Probable line-ups

Polonia: Romanowicz, Heppenstall, Hamence, Kouzapa, Nowak, Zurawski, Marciniak, Mielnik, Typek, Manka, Koleciki.

Juventus: Horvath, Crawford, Baggio, West, Rusalen, Perin, Serafini, McColl, Herczeg, Meneghetti, Cruz.

Schroif gives great display

Willem Schroif, Melbourne Slavia's bouncing Czech goalkeeper, proved the match-winner when the Victorian side topped USC Lion 2-0 at Hindmarsh last Saturday night.

Slavia, who won the Victorian Ampol Cup final the previous night, were under a big disadvantage as they played their second game within 24 hours.

Schroif, 40 times Czech international, tipped the balance Slavia's way with a fantastic goalkeeping performance which included the saving of a hot penalty kick from Clive Parton.

Instead of being a goal up after 27 minutes when Schroif sensationally stopped the penalty, Lion were a goal in arrears a minute later.

Four minutes before half time Slavia's clever centre, Jurecki made it 2-0 with a sizzling drive.

Australian World Cup half back, Billy Cook had to leave the field early in the second half with an eye injury.

Lion's defence convert, Stan Muzyka, was a success at centre forward despite failing to score past sticky-fingered Schroif who gave a perfect exhibition of masterly goalkeeping.

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ROUND THE WORLD

World's "Top Ten" clubs

The Swiss sports daily, ZURICH SPORT, has compiled a list of the world's top clubs since World War II. This is their "top 10": 1 Real Madrid (Spain), 2 Inter Milan (Italy), 3 Honved (Hungary), 4 Santos (Brazil), 5 Benfica (Portugal), 6 Independiente (Argentina), 7 AC Milan (Italy), 8 CF Barcelona (Spain), 9 Torino (Italy), 10 Tottenham (England). ZURICH SPORT states that Honved and Torino, whose team was destroyed at the Superga air disaster in 1948, would have rated higher had the European Cup, created in 1955-56, been in existence when they were at their peak.

How many birds?

How many Garrinchas are worth one Pele? According to the latest, Inter Milan have offered \$1,200,000 for Pele and are confident that the Italian FA (FIGC) would make an exception in his case and allow him to register despite a ban on foreign players. Garrincha, meanwhile has received an offer from the USA with a \$50,000 signing on fee. So 25 Garrinchas for one Pele?

Brazil's glamorous tournament

Cruzeiro, Brazil's current glamor team, scored a 4-0 victory in the first round of the Robert Gomes Pedrosa Cup against Atletico at the new Belo Horizonte Stadium. The Pedrosa Cup includes the leading three clubs from Rio, Sao Paulo and Belo Horizonte, the top two from Santos and a team from Porto Alegre, in Northern Brazil. Cruzeiro, led by Tostao, is expected to fight out the final with Santos or Fluminense.

How fair is Fair?

Alan Hardaker, secretary of the English League, is fast developing a big headache. Unexpectedly, the English League Cup was recently won by Third Division (soon promoted to Second) Queens Park Rangers, thus automatically qualifying for one of the English nominations to the Fair Cities Cup. This, however, admits only First Division teams. The question is will they make an exception and will the Fair Cities — be fair?

Portugal's Players' Union

As a result of the recent tragedies that struck Portuguese players (Luciano's death and the accidents that interrupted the careers of Vicente and Augusto) Portugal will soon have a Players' Union. First Division players from all over the country will meet in Lisbon next month to form an association. The Union's first president is likely to be Benfica and Portugal centre-forward Torres.

Russian competition draws well

The new pre-season competition in the USSR is proving a huge success. After two rounds more than 260,000 spectators have turned up. Twenty-four clubs are taking part — the First Division teams and four from the Second Division — in four groups of six. Started early in March, the series will end two weeks before the winter season on May 18.

Suspensions galore in Austria

Incidents galore on and off the field and rough play mars the Austrian scene almost every week. Rapid Vienna suspended their centre-forward Seifl for a grave foul against Bayern Munchen's left winger in the recent European Cupwinners' Cup match. Rapid also fined four players \$80 for abusing the referee in the same match — Flogel, Skocik, Starek and Bjerregard. Austria Wien, Rapid's great local rivals, also showed firmness in suspending Fiala and Kodat. Fiala punched a team-mate at training and Kodat broke an opponent's nose in a recent competition match. So far this season 32 players have been suspended or fined in Austria.

The next World Cup in Mexico will be held between May 24 and June 14, 1970. The dates, announced by FIFA president, Sir Stanley Rous, will be confirmed at a full meeting of the FIFA executive in Munich on May 24. Applications from countries wishing to compete in the qualifying rounds must be registered with FIFA by December 15 this year.

● Pele's contract with Santos, which expired in April, has been renewed for four months. What happens after that has all Brazil guessing.

● Seven top referees have been suspended in Spain for alleged incompetence.

● Dynamo Moscow and Dukla Prague will take part in the Coruna Tournament in Spain together with the local First Division team and Atletico Madrid.

● One competition match a week will be televised live in Austria next season. The Austrian Television Corporation will pay \$1,500 a week for the privilege.

● Real Madrid, six-time winners of the European Champions' Cup, have been awarded the trophy for life. A new Cup will be designed for this year's winner.

● Eintracht Braunschweig's West German international forward, Ulsass, has been fined \$100 for "ungentlemanly conduct" on the field.

● Anderlecht (Belgium) and Honved (Hungary) will meet each other in Brussels on May 10 and in Budapest on August 15.

● Lula, Santos' former coach, is almost certain to move to Italy next season. Hot tip is that he may join AS Roma.

● Strasbourg, holders of the French Cup, were knocked out in the fifth round by Second Division Bastia, from Corsica. Two Corsican clubs, Bastia and Ajaccio, are currently in the lead in the French Second Division.

● Former FK Austria international winger Erich Melchior has just completed with honors the tough coaching course at Cologne.

● Heinz Schneider, Young Boys Berne's Swiss international, was presented with a silver trophy last week to mark his 300th appearance with the team.

● Sarajevo, the surprise leaders in the Yugoslav First Division, may also play in the New York Tournament in July. Red Star, Dinamo Zagreb and Hajduk are other Yugoslav clubs which will take part.

● Stojaspal, the famous Austrian international of the early post-war period, is the new coach of Aris, one of Luxembourg's leading clubs.

● Milo Milutinovic, the great Yugoslav centre-forward of not so long ago, has just published his autobiography.

● Gyula Lorant, star defender of the great Hungarian team of the 1950's, has left Kaiserslautern to coach MSV Duisburg (formerly Meiderich) in the West German Bundesliga.

● Referee at the recent Ferencvaros-Eintracht Fair Cities' Cup match (2-1) at the Budapest Neptadion was Josip Horvat, brother of the former great Yugoslav stopper, Ivica Horvat.

● Against Albania on April 8, West German skipper Willie Schulz will be presented with a gold badge to mark his 50th international cap.

● Atletico Bilbao of Spain will play Red Star Belgrade at Soldiers' Field, Chicago, on April 12. Both clubs have been guaranteed \$20,000 each by the American promoters.

● International West German goalie Hans Tilkowski last week played his first competition match for Borussia Dortmund after three months on the sidelines.

● Sweden for the first time this year will run a Cup competition. Three hundred clubs have entered.

● Inter Milan's left winger Corso played this 250th competition match against Brescia last Sunday week. The 25-year-old Corso has been with Inter since 1958.

● Sporting Lisbon have sacked their coach, Fernando Argila, and are looking for a replacement. They have contacted Alfredo Di Stefano.

● Yugoslavs Vasovic, Sekularac and Galic will not be released by their foreign clubs and won't be able to play for Yugoslavia in coming internationals.

● Eddie Firmani has resigned with Charlton Athletic for the third time in 12 years.

● Ron Flowers, Wolverhampton's skipper, will be out of action for another two months. His spinal injury hasn't healed yet and he still has to wear a cast.

● A record West German Cup crowd of 61,804 in Hamburg saw Hamburger SV's recent match against FC Koln.

● Players of the Italian II Division (Serie B) Salernitana are on strike because they have not received any wages for three months.

● Terry Venables (Tottenham) and Fred Callaghan (Fulham) each received a seven-week suspension.

● The Sporting v. Setubal league match in Portugal had to be abandoned when after 75 minutes spectators invaded the field.

● Hungary will play a friendly training match against St. Etienne, in France, on April 12. On June 4 in Budapest they will play the Brazilian Flamengo.

● Giessner, the international stopper of East Germany's Lokomotiva Leipzig, is seriously ill with diabetes and may not play again.

● Taskov, the recently appointed coach of the Bulgarian national team, has already resigned.

● Helenio Herrera, boss of Inter Milan and Italy, forecasts a brief and gloomy career for the new French team manager, ex-star Just Fontaine.

Dane is best "Scot"

Scottish stars received a shock recently when a poll taken by various newspapers selected the Danish Kai Johansen as Scotland's best player. Johansen is a fullback in Glasgow Rangers and one of his famous deeds was the scoring of the winning goal in last year's Cup final against Celtic.

Everton, Spurs favored

According to English bookmakers Everton and Tottenham are equal favorites for this year's FA Cup. The bookies are quoting the two clubs at 3/1 to win the Cup. Then comes Chelsea, quoted at 5/1, and Birmingham at 6/1.

Falcons not for Charles

John Charles, the 38-year-old Welshman, has rejected a big offer to coach the Canadian club, Toronto Falcons. The club, which will operate in the breakaway North American Professional League, has already secured 11 overseas players from Britain, Italy and Yugoslavia.

Monaco meeting

The big conference organised in Monaco last week came forward with some interesting suggestions, mainly an official world championship for club teams, a European club competition, a "new-look" World Cup in which only the last four teams would play in a neutral country, annual inter-continental matches (America, Europe, Africa and Asia) and an exchange scheme between young players. Some 37 clubs attended the meeting as well as scores of world-famous soccer figures. Another meeting will be held in Monaco in 1968.

Bulgarians reach semifinal

Red Banner Sofia had the narrowest of wins — 1-0 — in their return quarterfinal European Cup match against the amateurs from Linfield Belfast last week. The Bulgarians, held to a 2-2 draw in Ireland in the first match, were expected to win the return game easily, but they only scored the winning goal in the 82nd minute after a surprisingly good display by the Northern Irishmen.

America's international Bonanza

Organisers of the American National League, affiliated with FIFA, will spend \$800,000 to stage their series of international club matches all over the country in April and May. This is the program: Red Star Belgrade v. Bilbao (April 12), Real Madrid v. Leeds or Sporting Lisbon (April 19), Vasas v. West Ham (April 26), Eintracht Frankfurt v. Cruzeiro (Brazil) (May 7), Rangers v. AC Milan (May 10) and Benfica v. Liverpool (May 17).

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRIA: Sturm Graz v. Rapid 2-4; Kapfenberg v. Wiener Neustadt 0-1; Wacker Wien v. Innsbruck 0-2; Admira Energie v. Vienna 0-1; Bregenz v. LASK 2-0; Klagenfurt v. GAK 3-2; Wiener SK v. Austria Wien 0-0.

FRANCE: Reims v. Sedan 1-4; Angers v. Rennes 0-0; Nimes v. Bordeaux 1-2; Valenciennes v. Nantes 0-0; Stade de Paris v. Monaco 1-1; Nice v. Rouen 2-0; St. Etienne v. Lyon 2-1; Lille v. Lens 2-1; Toulouse v. Marseille 1-0; Sochaux v. Strasbourg 1-0.

HOLLAND: Telstar v. Feyenoord 0-2; Ajax v. Go Ahead 4-1; GVVAV v. DOS 4-2; Fortuna v. Willem II 1-1; ADO v. PSV 3-2; Xerxes v. Sittardia 1-1; Elinkwijk v. Sparta 1-1; NAC v. MVV 2-0; FC Twente v. DWS 0-2.

HUNGARY: Ferencvaros v. Salgotarjan 4-0; Eger v. Vasas 0-1; Komlo v. Diosgyor 2-3; Csepel v. Győr 1-3; Szeged v. Honved 1-1; Szombathely v. MTK 1-0; Ujpest v. Tatabanya 4-0; Dunaujvaros v. Pecs 1-0.

ITALY: Atalanta v. Vicenza 0-0; Cagliari v. Juventus 0-0; Fiorentina v. Foggia 0-1; Mantova v. Venezia 2-1; Milan AC v. Brescia 0-1; Napoli v. Bologna 2-1; AS Roma v. Inter Milan 0-0; Spal

v. Lazio 4-1; Torino v. Lecce 1-1.

PORTUGAL: Benfica v. Braga 4-0; Beira Mar v. Sporting Lisbon 1-2; Belenenses v. Atletico 7-1; Guimaraes v. Varzim 2-2; Sanjoanense v. Porto 1-1; Setubal v. Academica 0-1; Leixoes v. CUF 0-0.

SPAIN: Atletico Madrid v. Espanol 5-1; Valencia v. Zaragoza 6-0; Elche v. Las Palmas 2-1; Bilbao v. Hercules 0-0; Coruna v. Sevilla 1-1; Cordoba v. Granada 2-2; Sabadell v. Pontevedra 3-0; Barcelona v. Real Madrid 2-1.

WEST GERMANY: Munchen 1860 v. Bayern Munchen 1-0; Werder Bremen v. Fortuna Dusseldorf 1-0; Braunschweig v. Hamburger SV 2-0; FC Nurnberg v. Hannover 96 1-1; VfB Stuttgart v. Kaiserslautern 0-1; Rotweiss Essen v. Karlsruher SC 3-1; MSV Duisburg v. Schalke 04 3-0; Eintracht Frankfurt v. Moenchengladbach 1-0; FC Koln v. Borussia Dortmund 1-1.

YUGOSLAVIA: Velez v. Zagreb 1-1; Olimpija v. Radnicki Nis 1-1; Hajduk v. Rijeka 1-0; Partizan v. Sarajevo 2-1; Zeljeznica v. Red Star 3-4; Sutjeska v. OFK Belgrade 1-0; Celik v. Vojvodina 2-0; Dinamo Zagreb v. Vardar 2-0.

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SYDNEY CLUB PATROL

MELITA EAGLES will almost certainly have signed talented young South Coast United inside-forward, **EDDIE MULLAN**, before their first competition match against Cumberland, at Mona Park, on Sunday. Mullan was the star of Melita's 1-0 win over George Cross in Melbourne last Saturday. The Eagles will also sign former Prague junior, **C. STEWART**, and are negotiating for South Coast winger **PETER BEATTIE**.

Former Budapest forward **LORENZO HEREDIA** plays as an amateur outside of Buenos Aires. Former Croatia star **NORBERTO BISCHOFF** plays with a Second Division Buenos Aires team as a professional.

PRAGUE's new forward from Argentina, **HECTOR BLANCO**, arrived from Buenos Aires last Tuesday. He is expected to make his Sydney debut in a fortnight if he's not too overweight.

POLONIA's two new players from Poland, **MINOL** and **SKIBA** played very well in a trial match against Cumberland last Sunday. Both will make their debut against Yugal on Saturday.

Of the St. George-Budapest team that won the Ampol Cup in 1960 only three key figures remained for last Sunday's repeat performance: president (then secretary) **LES BORDACS**, coach **LAURIE HEGYES** and goalkeeper **NICK SOKOLOFF**.

Don't be too harsh on Hakoah's New Caledonian left half, **MARCEL BICIW**, for his mediocre debut last Sunday in the Ampol Cup final. Biciw was shaking like a leaf before the match as he had only been told an hour before the kick-off that he would be standing in for the injured Duffy. The New Caledonian displayed enough ability at training to show that under normal circumstances he would be more than an adequate first team substitute. The youngster deserves a second chance, which he will no doubt soon get.

Young Pan Hellenic goalkeeper **TONY MAGLIS** last week broke down after conceding, through his own fault, the third St. George goal. When a spectator made a remark to him, Maglis, on his way to the dressing room at half time, jumped over the fence and was set to settle the dispute personally. The sobbing young goalkeeper had to be replaced at half time.

Three players and the coach from St. George-Budapest now work at the modern printing works (Atlas printery)

of **EMERY NAGY**. They are Laurie Hegyes, Tibor Zuckerman, Dave Cliss and Alan Piggott.

The ASF's EXECUTIVE MEETINGS in 1967 will take place on May 13 in Sydney and on September 2, probably in Melbourne.

BANKSTOWN have taken the local Under-14 and 16 junior representative teams under their wing this year. **ROGER BAMFORTH** will coach the Under-16s and **BILL JENKINS** will coach the Under-14s. The entire U-16 team has been signed up and these players will form the basis for future Bankstown grade sides.

The last time St. George-Budapest (then only Budapest) reached the Ampol Cup final was in 1960. Their goalkeeper then was newly signed **NICK SOKOLOFF**. In the years that followed Budapest have had many other goalies — Gregoric, Grosz, Clarke, Haffey etc. — but Sokoloff has always stayed on, at times as reserve, more recently as assistant coach. Now he has made a successful come-back in the first team — and once again the Saints won the Ampol Cup...

KEVIN D'ARCY, chairman of the Promotions Committee, has been appointed liaison officer for the Scottish team during its Australian tour in May.

When mentioning Polonia's Australian players last week, we omitted talented young goalkeeper, **LEN ROOT**, who is Australian-born.

BLACKTOWN, the Second Division club, have signed a 19-year-old goalkeeper from Adelaide, **GEORGE NEMETH**. They also signed a right winger from New Zealand, **BIDDLE**.

CORINTHIANS have signed **JOHN HERPE**, a centre-half who arrived from England recently.

MELITA EAGLES soon hope to announce the signing of a top Victorian player who qualifies under the new Sydney quota rule.

MANLY, the newly-promoted Second Division team, thrashed Newcastle's First Division **AWABA** 4-1 at Gosford last Sunday. Manly reserves drew 1-1 and their Under-21 team beat the Novocastrians 1-0. In first grade Manly's scorers were Keith Nicholls (2), R. Jones and J. Hughes.

Despite many statements to the contrary, **APIA's** Argentine star **RICARDO CAMPANA** will stay in Sydney. This week Campana is expected to sign another two-year contract with the club.

The ABC is considering an extensive coverage of premiership matches this year, most probably showing videotaped films on Thursday nights.

Sutherland's fullback, **KEN HIRON**, was injured in last week's trial match.

St. George-Budapest, originally a HUNGARIAN-based team, didn't have one Hungarian in their team last Sunday. Hakoah, on the other hand, had one Hungarian-born in goalkeeper Peter Fuzes.

Here are some results of TRIAL matches last weekend: Balgownie v. Prague Reserves 1-1; Bankstown v. Canterbury 2-2; Sutherland v. Hornsby 4-1; Granville v. APIA Reserves 3-4; Marconi v. Western Suburbs 3-2.

HAKOAH last Monday night signed Adamstown (Newcastle) forward **RAY BAARTZ** for a record Australian transfer fee of \$5,600. Baartz, a 19-year-old Australian, will make his Sydney debut at inside-right against St. George-Budapest this weekend.

The ABC, we are very happy to report, will reintroduce as from next Sunday week the popular "BBC Sporting Newsletter."

Five weeks ago the ABC scrapped the 10-minute broadcast, claiming Jim Manning, the compere, had a very limited Australian following.

Now they have relented as they have been flooded with hundreds of letters and phone calls from irate listeners expressing their bitter disappointment.

SOCCER WORLD, we feel, can take some credit for the ABC's decision to reintroduce the program.

In a February issue we expressed our surprise at the ABC's claim that the "Newsletter" had little appeal, and we urged readers to send in their protests.

An ABC spokesman telephoned our office this week with the good news that the program would be back on the air on Sunday, April 2, at its usual time slot of 6.05 p.m.

The spokesman said that Jim Manning, the well known DAILY MAIL sportswriter, had been requested to resume broadcasting.

When the broadcasts resume on April 2, the "Sporting Newsletter" is expected to have an even higher soccer content as the ABC is now aware that the majority of listeners are soccer fans.

The CANTERBURY DISTRICT ASSOCIATION competitions will start on April 8. There will be a marked increase in the number of All-Age teams. The following clubs have applied for membership: Hercules South Strathfield, Marrickville Doxa, Mascot Apollo, Morton Wanderers, Newtown Hellas and Punchbowl Sports. The Association will conduct an "open" competition for Under-7s, 8s, 9s and 10s, starting on April 2. Entries should be forwarded to W. Brackenbury, 3 Kier Ave., Hurlstone Park. Tel.: 55-2137. Closing date March 28.

TOM YATES, former Bankstown forward, has returned as assistant-coach. Yates, who was recently playing in Newcastle, has now retired.

VICTOR FERNANDEZ, the St. George-Budapest forward, expects to be completely match-fit in about two weeks.

WESTERN SUBURBS will run a coach next Sunday to Balgownie. Supporters and all interested are welcome to join. Return trip \$1.00. For information and bookings contact manager Gordon Stratford on 83-8672. The Mt. Pleasant Sports and Social Club will host all visitors during and after the game.

Don't forget to switch your radio on to **STATION 2 KY** every Saturday at 6 p.m. for Sydney's only soccer program. Compere "Tiger" Black conducts the session for 15 minutes every week. Resident "guest" is **SOCCER WORLD** news editor, Lou Gautier. This week they will discuss Sunday's competition round and other topics of general interest.

Arrangements have been made by the ASF to obtain the following FILMS: Manchester United v. Leicester (1963 FA Cup final), Manchester United v. Benfica (1966 European Cup quarter-final) and Manchester United v. Everton (1966 FA Cup semi-final). These films will be made available to all State Federations as well as TV networks to publicize the coming tour.

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EAST. SUBURBS ENJOY BOOM

Eastern Suburbs Association recently surveyed the potential of the code as an amateur and junior sport and consider that an effective three-year promotion plan will make soccer the force in the area.

Maroubra United club is going from strength to strength.

No wonder Easts' chairman, Harry Gulley, predicts that his Association is the new growth area for junior soccer.

At last Mosman will have its own junior soccer club.

Secretary, Mrs. E. Stuart, and president, A. Manser, formed the club when they found that there was no outlet for soccer youngsters.

Under 7, 8, 9, and 10-year teams have been entered.

This should demonstrate to other Northern Suburbs areas that more clubs can be formed.

Combining of some competitions with Wests will give Northern Suburbs clubs adequate competitions at first and second division level.

Via Tarban Creek and Gladesville Bridges, most grounds in either district are only 15 minutes apart by car.

Northern Suburbs secretary Bob Campbell says that following successful implementation of the new leagues, the next aim is to build up representative standards.

Relationships with Wests' officials guarantee the 1967 improvements.

— Keith Gilmour

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Let's quickly adopt FIFA's new rulings

— BY PAUL DEAN —

Referees are an integral part of our game and their contribution is vital towards raising our soccer standards.

A firm, authoritative referee will always be respected on the field while a weak, compromising one can expect the match to slip out of his control.

Referees know all the rules — much better than players.

However, it is essential that they interpret them correctly.

Recently FIFA laid down three such new interpretations for referees all over the world.

All, in our view, can help soccer become a better game.

These are:

● Don't treat slightly injured players on the field.

● Don't let goalkeepers waste time.

● Don't aid the offending teams on freekicks.

What do these mean?

Time and again players get a knock — and lie down for a rest.

The match is held up and a minute later the player is up and running hard as ever.

These cases should be treated off the field!

The referee must have the player removed to the touchline or, if the player is able to walk, tell him to leave the field for treatment.

In cases of serious injury it is also infinitely better if the player gets proper treatment off the field than on it where team mates, the referee, masseurs and ambulancemen lean over him and even if he survived the injury, he may die of suffocation.

Regarding the goalkeeper's "gamesmanship", the new FIFA rule is quite clear and emphatic.

A goalkeeper must bounce the ball after every four steps — and get rid of it.

If he doesn't, the referee must warn him that he is wasting time.

If the goalkeeper repeats the offence, the referee must award an indirect freekick.

Please note that the key-word is **must** — it's not optional, it's not up to the referee whether he does so or not.

The third interpretation concerns the freekicks.

Once the referee whistles for an infringement, the freekick can be taken at once, without another signal from the referee.

Should a team avail itself of this, they cannot insist that the opponents stand away 10 feet.

However, if they wish to have the 10-yard rule observed, they must wait for the referee to measure the distance.

If the opponents stand closer than 10 feet and the

referee doesn't act, the captain has the right to ask the referee to check on the distance.

And the referee must do just that.

Let's hope Australian referees in all States will understand and correctly adopt these new FIFA interpretations.

If they don't, they will create unnecessary tension and scenes on the field.

Contest aid

To help readers fill in this week's Contest coupon this is how the teams finished in their respective States in 1966.

Relegated and promoted teams are also given to let you know which teams are taking part in the 1967 competition.

NSW: 1 APIA, 2 Hakoah, 3 St. George, 4 SCU, 5 Pan Hellenic, 6 Prague, 7 Croatia, 8 Yugal, 9 Cumberland, 10 Corinthians. **Relegated:** Corinthians. **Promoted:** Polonia, Melita Eagles, Canterbury.

Victoria: 1 Hellas, 2 Slavia, 3 Melbourne HSC, 4 Hakoah, 5 Croatia, 6 Juventus, 7 JUST, 8 Polonia, 9 George Cross, 10 Alexander, 11 Lions, 12 Wilhelmina. **Relegated:** Wilhelmina. **Promoted:** Makedonia.

South Australia: 1 Hellas, 2 Juventus, 3 Victoria, 4 Enfield, 5 Polonia, 6 Croatia, 7 Lion, 8 Budapest, 9 Austria, 10 Cumberland. **Relegated:** Cumberland. **Promoted:** Port Adelaide.

Queensland: 1. Latrobe, 2 Merton, 3 Hellenic, 4. St. Helens, 5 Coalstars, 6 Oxley, 7 Thistle, 8 Azzurri. **Relegated:** Azzurri. **Promoted:** Hollandia.

Western Australia: 1 Cracovia, 2 Azzurri, 3 Tricolore, 4 Swan Valley, 5 Windmills, 6 Swan Athletic, 7 Olympic, 8 Cockburn, 9 Athena, 10 North Perth. **Relegated:** Athena, North Perth. **Promoted:** Cottesloe, Perth City.

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SECOND DIVISION MANLY FACES TOUGH DEBUT

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

The 1967 Second Division competition kicks off this weekend with 12 teams contesting for the right to play in First Division next year.

The clash between Western Suburbs, coached by former APIA star and coach Joe Marston, and Balgownie, coached by former South Coast captain, Jim Harris, is the highlight of the opening round.

Granville v. Manly, at Macarthur Park, too, should be a thriller.

MARCONI v.

BANKSTOWN

At Marconi Oval, Bankstown will be fielding one of the strongest teams in Second Division against newly promoted Marconi.

Although Marconi will have several experienced players in their line-up, some of whom with First Division experience, Bankstown should be hard to beat.

Probable line-ups:

Bankstown: Friedl; Jamieson, Fitzgerald; Turnbull, Hinksman, McDermott; Clarke, Price, Bamford, Madden, Ryan.

Marconi: (not available).

BLACKTOWN v.

HORNSBY-NE

A close tussle could develop at Francis Park, Blacktown.

With the experienced McLaren at centre-forward, the Blacktown forward line should have the punch which was seriously lacking last year, when they lost most games by the odd goal.

Hornsby will include many juniors from the inter-district sides blended with some experienced players like Brian Davies who played First Division in Brisbane, and H. Armstrong, who played formerly for Corinthians.

Blacktown: Nemeth; Stone, I. Elliot; Wilkins, Kelly, Cousins; Biddle, C. Elliot, McLaren, Schaefer, McDonald.

Hornsby: Legg; Lapwood, Ward; Vickers, Aird, Armstrong; Booth, Horne, Bastas, Limbry, Dickerson, Davies. (One to be omitted).

BALGOWNIE v.

WESTERN SUBURBS

The match at Balgownie Oval between Sydney's newest and much talked about team, Western Suburbs, and Balgownie should be a thriller.

Western Suburbs have some most talented youngsters in the team blended with some experienced players.

Balgownie, who last year played under the name of Wollongong Olympic, have always managed to field a good Second Division side

since they were relegated from First Division.

Western Suburbs: Iro; Apostilidis, Horn; Bijkerk, Holmes, Whyte; Chrystal, Bosklopper, Omeros, Rendall, Smit.

Balgownie: Jones; Thominey, Isedale; Carruthers, Potter, Whitehead; Worthington, Simister, Large, Egbers, Kear-ton.

SUTHERLAND v.
LANE COVE

With three new players having First Division experience and some of the most talented youngsters in the district included in the team, Sutherland should not find it very hard to dispose of newly-promoted Lane Cove.

Sutherland: Gray, Smith; O'Brien, Hiron, Rattenbury; Senior, O'Reilly, Griffiths; Cuciti, Shrubsole, Matthews, Davidson, Bibbing. (Two to be omitted.)

Lane Cove: (Not available).

NORTH BANKSTOWN v.

CORINTHIANS

North Bankstown will clash against relegated Corinthians.

Being an amateur club, North Bankstown relies heavily on the district's talented youths, most of whom will be having their first run in Federation soccer.

Even allowing for the loss of many players from last year, Corinthians' experience should be too much for these lads and they should win by a big margin.

North Bankstown: Howes; Baber, Scabill; Cleverly, Watson, Duncan; Pitman, Buckley, Roberts, Mula, Tyas, Morris. (One to be omitted).

Corinthians: Little; Clarke, Gray, Woods; Herpe, McKnight, Fannings, Yates, Orr; Amey, Waite, Wood, Snee, Martin. (Three to be omitted).

GRANVILLE v.

MANLY

With Archie Harris fully recovered, Manly will be more confident against Granville at Macarthur Park.

Granville, on the other hand, will be fielding some new faces and should prove to be too experienced.

Granville: Murray; Falzon, Anderson; Pendleton, Crelly, Dean; White, Gallagher, Day, Du Pont, Tomfi, Grundy. (One to be omitted.)

Manly: Tuinman; Brooks, Edwards; Verrills, Campbell, Freeman; R. Jones, G. Jones, Hughes, Nicholls, Rivving.

Slowly soccer is gaining grounds

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Comparison of soccer's ground position in Sydney today against the pre-Federation era shows that probably more progress is being made than is generally realised.

Some very limited use of Chatswood Oval is the only real casualty.

This is offset many times over by Polonia North Side increasing their dates at North Sydney Oval to seven this year.

The additional First Division grounds are Erskineville and Hurstville Ovals, with far greater use made of Wentworth Park and the Marks Field.

In Second Division, the gains include Graham Reserve, Manly, Jubilee Oval, Glebe, Pennant Hills Oval, Concord Oval, and Francis Park, Blacktown.

There is of course the Sydney Sports Ground for finals, and some games possible at Sydney Showground.

For this year's First Division, South Sydney Croatia have now settled for four Saturdays at Erskineville, three at SCG No. 2, and the balance mainly Sundays at Marks Field.

Club officials were received coldly in approaches for Redfern Oval dates.

Polonia North Side president, Dr. Rossleigh, is delighted by the North Sydney Oval allocation.

This is one of Sydney's key sports grounds.

Negotiations with North Sydney Council are designed to turn Anderson Park, North Sydney, into the club's training ground for 1968.

The club is well represented on the board of the Northern Suburbs Polonia Soccer Club Ltd, and wants more ambitious local juniors to join the club.

Melita Eagles have settled for Mona Park this year.

Fans will congregate there from both the city and outer Western Suburbs.

The Eagles have formed their social club at Marrickville.

Negotiations for Camdenville Oval, St. Peters, are well advanced with Lord Mayor Armstrong and other City Council authorities.

Club president V. Pisani states that the club would spend \$6000 on ground improvements.

This year, the increase of Australian players and the Scotland and Manchester United tours will demonstrate to controllers of all main media that they have missed the point on Sydney's real appetite for soccer.

They must finally stumble on the point that promotion of soccer will increase newspaper and magazine sales, and add to TV interest and revenue.

Then this and other factors will combine to really remedy the soccer ground shortages, and whip up the soccer enthusiasm of the fans.



FIGURE NO. 27

To attack England the Spanish had to assemble a special fleet. Most of Spain's ships, such as the 16th Century Galley shown in our Figure No. 27, were built for the use in the Mediterranean. These were unsuitable for the western coasts of Europe and the Channel. The galleons constructed for the trade routes to the colonies were too unwieldy. Portuguese naval constructors had not been dominated by the Mediterranean, however, and so in 1580, when King Phillip II of Spain annexed Portugal, Spain acquired proper ships for action in the Atlantic.



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